

REMARKS

The present Amendment and Response is submitted so as to be considered responsive to the presently outstanding office action, and is believed to both correct objections to any informalities in the application as filed, and also to clarify the invention further through the below remarks. No extensions are believed due, given that this Amendment and Response is being submitted within the shortened statutory response period.

**Objections to the Specification**

In accordance with MPEP § 608.01, the abstract has been revised to overcome the objection thereto, but in doing so, it is noted that no new matter has been entered. Similarly, the disclosure has been revised so that the “Brief Description of the Figures” now recites the verbiage “Brief Description of the Drawings”. As such, it is requested that these objections be withdrawn.

**Rejections Under 35 USC §112**

The Examiner has rejected claims 20, and 22-23, 26-37 and 105 under 35 USC §112, first paragraph because the specification allegedly does not provide enablement for “all microparticles”. In response, it is maintained that claim 20 (as well as the corresponding withdrawn claims 38, 69 and 87) now include the limitation of claim 24 which recited

nanocomposite particles “having sizes less than about 150 nm”, a specific which the Examiner has maintained is enabling. As such, it is respectfully submitted that claims 22-23, 26-37, and 105 are now also enabled, given that they depend from the newly amended claim 20.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for examination and favorable consideration is courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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